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Dear Hans:

Enjoyed reading your paper on "Technology and the Strategic Balance." I do agree that the U.S. does enjoy a technological lead throughout the world in many areas, and the shuttle, of course, is a system quite unique to mankind. It also offers us horizons little dreamed about not so long ago.

The one thing I do find distressing, however, is that budgetary constraints may not permit us to capitalize on this marvelous advancement.

I wish you and the NASA team the best of luck in encouraging our government so that you can exploit the capabilities which NASA offers. Good luck in the New Year.

Regards,

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